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FOREIGN AND INSULAR.

AUSTRALIA.

Second suspected case of plague at Newcastle.

NEWCASTLE, NEW SOUTH WALES, *August 24, 1902.*

SIR: I beg to report another (second) suspected case of plague. Very few well informed physicians here believe it to have been a case of true bubonic, and as no official notice was given, and as the contacts were allowed to go to their homes, or elsewhere, while the property was closed but one day for inspection and cleaning, I practically ignored the matter. No other case has developed, though this case occurred some two weeks ago.

Respectfully,

F. W. GODING,
United States Consul.

The ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF STATE.

BARBADOS.

Smallpox situation.

BARBADOS, WEST INDIES, *September 15, 1902.*

SIR: I have to report to the Department that there have been 481 cases of smallpox here since July 13, 1902. Of these, 201 cases are isolated at quarantine station on Pelican Island and separate from the mainland, 221 are isolated at their homes, 38 have been released, and 21 have died. This morning's report for the last two weeks ended last night shows 266 cases and 11 deaths.

Respectfully,

S. A. MACALLISTER,
United States Consul.

The ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF STATE.

BRITISH HONDURAS.

Weekly report of conditions and transactions at Belize—Fruit port.

BELIZE, BRITISH HONDURAS, *September 20, 1902.*

SIR: I have the honor to make the following report of the conditions and transactions at this port during the week ended September 20, 1902:

Population according to census of 1901, 9,113; present officially estimated population, about 7,000. Number of cases and deaths from yellow fever during the week, none; number of cases and deaths from smallpox during the week, none; number of cases and deaths from typhus fever during the week, none; number of cases and deaths from cholera during the week, none; number of cases and deaths from plague during the week, none; number of deaths from other causes during the week, 4. Causes of death: Debility, 1; senectus, 1; chronic bronchitis, 1; peritonitis, 1. General sanitary condition of this port and the surrounding country during the week, good.

Bills of health were issued to the following vessels: September 14, steamship *Statia*; crew, 36; passengers from this port, 2; passengers

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in transit, 1; baggage disinfected, 6 pieces. September 18, steamship *Condor*; crew, 15; passengers from this port, none; passengers in transit, none; baggage disinfected, none. September 19, steamship *Anselm*; crew, 41; passengers from this port, 4; passengers in transit, 23; baggage disinfected, 12 pieces.

Respectfully,

R. H. PETERS,
Acting Assistant Surgeon.

The SURGEON-GENERAL.

CHINA.

Report of transactions at Shanghai, China.

SHANGHAI, CHINA, September 1, 1902.

SIR: I have the honor to transmit herewith abstracts of bills of health issued at this port for the week ended August 30, 1902. There were inspected during the week 4 steamships, 338 crew, 189 steerage, and 27 cabin passengers. Shipping orders were viséed for 21,295 pieces of freight and 552 pieces were rejected. During the week there were reported in the municipality 2 deaths from smallpox, 55 from cholera, 2 from typhoid fever, and 5 from malaria. Of these there were among the foreign population 2 deaths from cholera, 2 from typhoid, and 5 from malaria.

Respectfully,

S. J. RANSOM,
Acting Assistant Surgeon.

The SURGEON-GENERAL.

COLOMBIA.

Weekly report of conditions and transactions at Bocas del Toro—Fruit port.

BOCAS DEL TORO, COLOMBIA, September 23, 1902.

SIR: I have the honor to make the following report of the conditions and transactions at this port during the week ended September 22, 1902:

Population according to census, not obtainable. Number of cases and deaths from yellow fever during the week, none; number of cases and deaths from smallpox during the week, none; number of cases and deaths from typhus fever during the week, none; number of cases and deaths from cholera during the week, none; number of cases and deaths from plague during the week, none; number of deaths from other causes during the week, none. Prevailing diseases, malarial. General sanitary condition of this port and the surrounding country during the week, good.

Bills of health were issued to the following vessels: September 17, steamship *Hispania*; crew, 22; passengers from this port, none; passengers in transit, none; baggage disinfected, none. September 20, steamship *Harald*; crew, 19; passengers from this port, none; passengers in transit, none; baggage disinfected, none.

Respectfully,

PAUL OSTERHOUT,
Acting Assistant Surgeon.

The SURGEON-GENERAL.

COSTA RICA.

Weekly reports of conditions and transactions at Port Limon—Fruit port.

PORT LIMON, COSTA RICA, September 18, 1902.

SIR: I have the honor to make the following report of the conditions and transactions at this port during the week ended September 18, 1902:

Present officially estimated population, 4,000. Number of cases and deaths from yellow fever during the week, none; number of cases and